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## **Announcement of Grant Competition for Utah's 21st Century Community Learning Centers**



**Under the No Child Left Behind Act, the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) is anticipating receiving approximately \$500,000 to be awarded through a competitive grant process for new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers.**

**The grants are open to school districts and nonprofit community- and faith-based organizations, public or private.**

**The purpose of the program is to provide five-year grants beginning in July 2007 to serve students and their families attending schools with poverty levels above 40 percent. 21<sup>st</sup> Century projects should be outside regular school hours and should provide academic support, enrichment activities, and community education.**

**More information on the grant process is available at <http://www.schools.utah.gov> under the No Child Left Behind link. Interested parties are encouraged to read the Federal legislation and guidance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers. Letters of Intent are required and are due on ***February 9, 2007***. This form will be available on the website, as will details about the mandatory Bidders' Conferences. Grant applications will be due to the USOE on ***May 18, 2007***.**

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